

## REMARKS

Reconsideration of the subject application as amended herein is respectfully requested.

The Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the courtesy extended during the interview of April 1, 2004.

### Changes to the specification and drawings

In response to the objections to the specification and the drawings, the following changes are made:

Paragraph bridging pages 5 and 6--numeral 32 is corrected to 30.

Page 13, third paragraph,--numeral added for step 218 in Fig. 3.

Page 14, first full paragraph-- numeral 54 is corrected to 34.

Page 15, second paragraph- numeral 12 is corrected to 10.

Fig. 4B- W is added.

### Rejection of claims

#### a. Informalities

Claim 7 has been amended so that it now refers to a 'display area' and the dependency of claim 13 has been changed to claim 10. It is believed that these changes overcome the informalities noted.

#### b. Prior art Rejections

The claims have been rejected as being anticipated by, or obvious in view of the Baker or Bertsis, alone, or in combination with Clarke. The Applicants respectfully

traverse these rejections.


As discussed at the interview, the subject application pertains to a computer system with a screen that displays an image of an object associated with documents. When various elements of the image are selected, a corresponding data file is retrieved and presented to the user. In other words, the system is used to present to the user a virtual desk or other similar document storing device, as illustrated, for example, in Fig. 1. The independent claims have been amended to describe this feature more clearly.

The cited references show representations of objects and can be selected to access documents. However, the objects are not normally used for document storage. For example, Baker shows an apparent old painting with various live and inanimate figures. It is not inherently obvious how these figures relate to documents. Therefore a user has to memorize what object leads to the retrieval of what documents. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the subject application is patentably distinguishable over the prior art and should be allowed.

A new declaration will be submitted as soon as it becomes available.

Respectfully submitted

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Enclosure: Drawing Correction

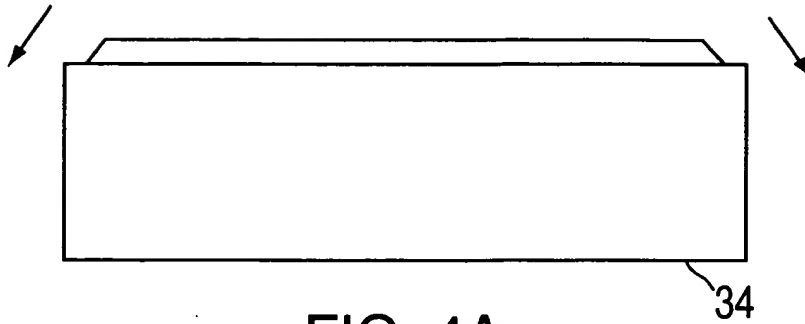


FIG. 4A

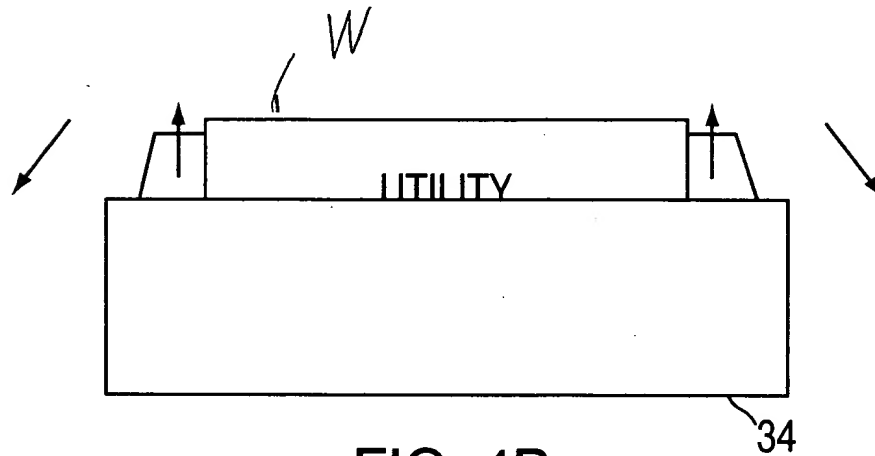


FIG. 4B

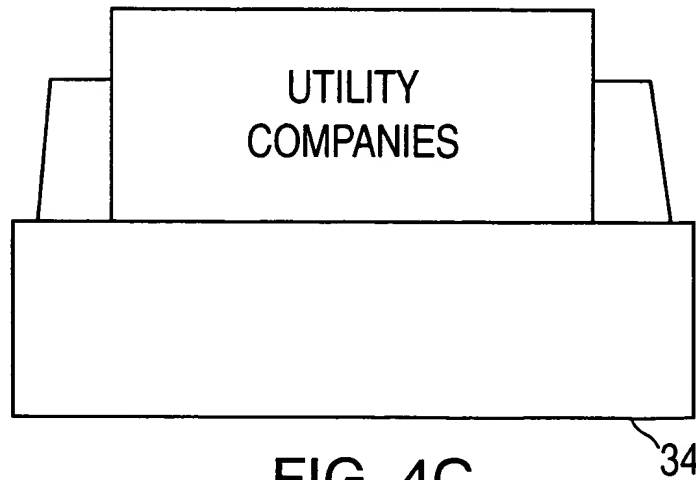


FIG. 4C